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Applicant: WASHIO, Kazuto Conf.:  
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For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM FOR  
IMAGE PROCESSING

L E T T E R

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 29, 2003

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

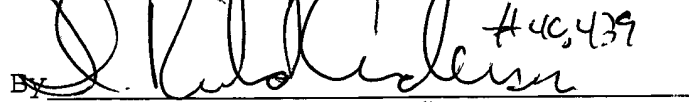
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A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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